for these projects is expected to be 40 million US Dollars during the initial 7 year. The foreign equity investment will initially be 1 lakh US dollars to be increased to 20 millions US Dollars over initial 7 years. The approval is subject to the conditions that no dividend will be repatriated during the first 7 years of operation.

(c) The menu indicated by M/s. McDonald' in the proposal include burgers and sandwich, french fried potatoes, fish & chicken producing chicken nuggets, milk shakes, apple pies, sundaes, cookies, soft drinks and other beverages.

(d) The restaurants are to operate within the framework of Indian Laws. The proposal does not envisage setting up of abbattoirs.

(e) The rationale for permitting such companies to operate in the country, *inter-alia*, includes attracting foreign investment, employment generation, bringing in better systems for distribution and transportation, upgradation of standards of its suppliers serving Indian tourism industry etc.

Processing of Grapes in Punjab

1647. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of grapes in Punjab;

(b) whether there is any proposal to process them to value added products; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As per information available, the production of grapes in Punjab in 1989-90 was 56,430 MT which rose to 60426 MT in 1991-92.

(b) and (c) Three Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of grape-based value added products' industries in Punjab.

Licences/Permit for adding value of Agri-Produce Items

1648. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have been liberated from the obligation of licence or permit for adding value of their agri-produce in the liberlised atmosphere;

(b) if not, whether farmers are being debarred from adding value to their sugarcane by closed vacuum system, their paddy production by extracting rice of their paddy produce to their cotton production by yarn etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the details of other crops to which farmers are not allowed to add value freely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Certain permits/licences are necessary for value addition to some agri-produce.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, subject to the requirement of obtaining permit/licence as required under the relevant laws.

Use of Quinacrine in Producing Sterility

1649. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some gynaecological researches conducted in India, USA and other countries have suggested that QUINACRINE, which is being used in several countries for treatment of intestinal disorders, can affectively produce sterility in women and substitute for conventional tubectomy which requires surgery;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research or any other organisation propose to undertake trial of the tubectomy pill; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE: (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Studies have been undertaken in several countries. After approval of Drug Controller of India, ICMR, has initiated a study with Quinacrine Pellets at two Human Reproduction Research Centres.

Cat Scan Machine at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

1650. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Cat Scan Machine had been installed in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, when the machine was installed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said machine was out of order for over 11 months causing incovenience to the patients;

(d) if so, when it went out of order giving the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard and by when it is likely to restart?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) The machine installed in 1983 went out of order in February, 1993 as the X-ray tube became non-functional due to normal wear and tear. It has been replaced and the machine made functional.

Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders

1651. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's approach and strategy on the control of Iodine deficiency disorder *vis-a-vis* the enforcement of measures;

(b) the details of study made and findings thereof carried out by the medical institutes or research bodies; and

(c) what steps have been taken to monitor that salt manufactured and sold in the market are not spurious and does contain appropriate quantity of Iodine alongwith the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) In order to control the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders, the Government of India have decided to iodate the entire edible salt in the country. So far, 17 States and 6 Union Territories have banned the sale of salt other than iodated salt in their respective States/UTs, while 6 other States have banned partially in some endemic districts. The remaining States/UTs have been advised to issue ban orders expeditiously. Emphasis is also given on the spread of appropriate health education amongst the people.

(b) Studies conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research and other Institutions have revealed that out of 235 districts surveyed so far, 193 districts have been found to be endemic for goitre.

(c) Standards for iodated salt have been prescribed in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules. At the production level, the quality of iodised salt is checked by the Salt Commissioner and at distribution levels by the respective State Heath/Food authorities.